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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE AND THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG
COUNSELOR COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD
OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSES OF

Administrative Action

SUSAN BRAUN LPC, LCADC LICENSE No.37PC00119500 LICENSE No.37LC00101500

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the LPC Committee") and the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee (hereinafter "the ALC Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Mr. John Conway's application for licensure as a

Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Ms. Susan Braun, LPC, LCADC, CSW, submitted a letter, dated November 5, 2007 stating that she was presently supervising Mr. Conway's addictions practice and that she co-facilitates a psychotherapy group with him. Mr. Conway testified before the Committee that the practice, Northern Valley Associates, 401 Washington Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey 07628, is a for-profit setting and that from 2000 until the present he has not held any license or certification authorizing him to engage in mental health counseling and/or alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey.

It appears to the Committee that Ms. Braun, as Mr. Conway's supervisor, aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of professional counseling and/or alcohol and drug counseling. Ms. Braun permitted and supervised Mr. Conway's alcohol and drug counseling despite Mr. Conway's lack of a certification or license, the minimum requirement for provision of such services in New Jersey. Having reviewed the entire record, the Committee finds that respondent has aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of alcohol and drug counseling in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committees finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS _______ DAY OF _______, 2008
ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of alcohol and drug counseling and/or professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

- 2. Respondent is reprimanded for aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of alcohol and drug counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, P.O. Box 45044, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid simultaneously with the signing of the within order.
- 4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

J. Barry Mascari, LPC

President

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

Sylvia Lippe, LCADC

Committee Vice-Chair

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

Susan Braun, LPC, LCADC